

3') is created through the [pile] stack (1, 2) with an essentially constant cross-section.

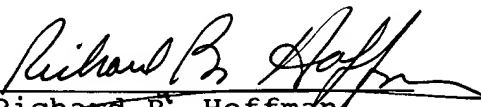
6 (Twice Amended). Method for producing a rim hole according to Claim [4] 1, and wherein the penetration opening (3, 3') is created with the feed movement of the rim hole punch by means of the rim hole punch (7) and by which the rim hole (9) and the piece of material (10) are formed.

REMARKS

The foregoing preliminary amendments are necessary in order to reflect the amendments made under Article 34 to the international application, which were effected during the International Preliminary Examination, subsequent to the first written opinion. No new matter has been added by way of these amendments. The claims have also been further amended to better conform to standard U.S. practice. The application is considered to be in condition for examination.

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